



# The Polished Slab

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



September 2013

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## Upcoming Events

Oct 3 - Board Meeting

Oct 7 - General Meeting, Moose Lodge

See calendar on page 4 for shop hours, classes, trips, meetings, and other SNGMS events and classes

See page 8 for details on scheduled classes and instructor contact information

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## President's Message

*from Sheri Johnson*

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

Well, it appears that the dog days of summer have faded into the monsoon season. None the less, it has cooled down and is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Remember the rules, we live in a desert - Bring plenty of water, travel in pairs (or more), gas up your car before you leave and carry a gas can if you are going far and tell someone where you are going.

Upcoming events include:

\* Nominations for open offices at the October meeting

o President

o Vice-President

o Secretary

o Treasurer

o Parliamentarian

o Three-year Board

\* Fire Agates in October (fee site), not date yet.

\* November - Vote for new officers

\* December - no meeting, Annual Awards Banquet, December 8th

o Centerpiece contest

o Chinese Auction

o Great food and excellent company

**Take Care and Happy Hunting**

## Board Meeting Summary - September 5, 2013

SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 9/5/2013

On September 5th, 2013, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:03 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. The minutes of the August 1st, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for August was positive. There was a motion by John Stackhouse, seconded by Ernie Parrish, and adopted for payment of outstanding bills.

## **Board Meeting Summary - con't.**

Membership reports 349 members.

Shop Foreman reports problems attaching a meter to C saw, and the board approved charging an hourly rate for it. Equipment needs are: E saw pulley, Opal/Turquoise saw blade, 1200 grit Genie wheel, and Genie hood. There was a motion by Lucinda Wilson, seconded by Ernie Parrish, to purchase needed items not to exceed \$200.00.

Unfinished Business:

Insurance for the shop is due in October. Peggy Sue Moore is still receiving quotes.

The Award Banquet plans were discussed. The board agreed that SNGMS will furnish the meat for the meal, to be cooked by volunteers.

There was a motion by Lorrilee Stackhouse, seconded by John Stackhouse, and adopted to approve expenditure for materials for Award Banquet favors of up to \$150.00

There was a motion by Tom Skeary, seconded by Lucinda Wilson, and adopted to appoint Theresa Brooks to the Bulletin Chair position.

New Business:

A Nomination Committee has been formed with Tom Skeary as Chair.  
Field Trip ideas were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

## **General Meeting Summary - September 9, 2013**

SNGMS General meeting minutes for 9/9/2013

On September 9th, 2013, the regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:01 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the August 5th, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for August was positive.  
Membership Chair reports 349 members.

## General Meeting Summary - con't.

The Shop Foreman reports that plenty of brown bags have been donated, but there is still a need for donation of paper towels to the shop.

Saturday, September 28 there will be a clean up party at the shop starting at 8 AM.

Sunshine Chair reports Margaret Mahler's mother passed away. Mike Kirk's health has improved and he was at the meeting.

Publicity Chair reports that posters are up at US K&K and he left tri-folds with Desert Outfitters and Sahara rock shop.

Rock Star/Education Chair reports Kids Club had an blast at the September meeting where they constructed and erupted volcanoes. October will be the annual Halloween/Florescent Kids Club on the 13th. Mary Beth will be giving a presentation to 24 boy scouts in October.

Field Trips – Sunday, September 15th will be a trip to collect red & white onyx, and October will be a trip to the Fire Agate mine in Arizona as well as collecting swirly jasper in Arizona.

Classes – Instructors discussed upcoming classes.

New Business:

Nominating Chair took nominations from the floor for open positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

## Shop Cleanup Day

Come help clean up the shop on Saturday, September 28th at 8:00 a.m.

# Donations Needed!

Donations needed for the Chinese Auction. Please bring your high quality items into the shop during work hours or contact Tom Skeary or Mary Beth Paladino 702-255-1647 to donate.

Donations for the General Meeting raffle table are always needed as well.

# Upcoming Events

September 15 Trip to collect red & white onyx. Meetine at the Paiute Smoke Shop and gas station. Exit Hwy 95 North. It is the Snow Mountain Exit #99 at 7:45 a.m. leaving at 8 a.m.

October Trip to the Fire Agate mine in Arizona as well as collecting swirly jasper in Arizona.

Visit <http://www.fireagate.us/fire-agate/oatman.shtml>

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering the following three classes this Fall:

November 2 Geology of the San Andreas Fault

November 23 – 24 Geology: Creation of the Joshua Tree Landscape

December 7 Earthquake Faults In and Around the Joshua Tree National Park

See their website at [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org) for more information.

## September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 Faceting 9 Kids Club 3	9 General Meeting 6	10 Silver Smithing 5-8	11 Shop 12-9	12 Beading 6-8	13 Shop 12-8	14 Shop 12-4
15 Faceting 9	16 Wire Wrapping 5	17 Silver Smithing 5-8	18 Shop 12-9	19 Metalsmithing 3-10	20 Shop 12-8	21 Shop 12-4
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## October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Faceting 9	30 Wire Wrapping 5	1 Silver Smithing 5-8	2 Shop 12-9	3 Board Mtg 6	4 Shop 12-8	5 Shop 12-4
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## Kids Club/Education Activities

The Kids Club will be meeting on the second Sunday of most months at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. With a regular schedule, we hope you can plan so that your kids (and yourself) can attend each month. As always, for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647.

October will be the annual Halloween/Florescent Kids Club on the 13th.

Mary Beth will be giving a presentation to 24 boy scouts in October.



Photos courtesy of: C.Stackhouse



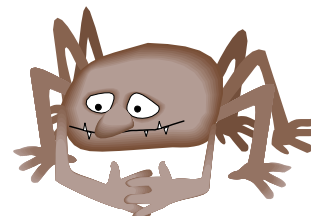
Kids Club had  
a blast with  
their volcano  
experiment!



Waiting for the  
explosion!

## Spider Alert!

We're beading spiders on October 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the awards banquet favors. Bring wire cutters, round nose and flat nose pliers and help out the club!



## Bulletin Board



### For Sale:

Ron Ames, a former member of SNGMS, is moving and will be selling some of his collected rocks, including petrified wood and sponge and shell fossils. He plans to have a garage/house sale eventually, but our members are welcome to contact him by email to set up an early viewing. His email is: <ronvc4@embarqmail.com>

Contact the editor to place a notice on the Bulletin Board. Call Theresa Brooks at 702-239-0438, emailing lorrilee@cox.net, or see me at the meeting.





## Discounts Available

All the establishments featured in this section offer discounts to SNGMS members. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase, and say that the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society sent you!



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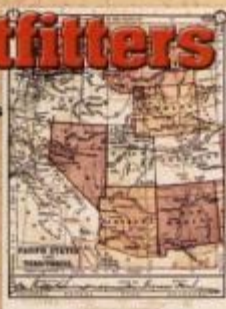
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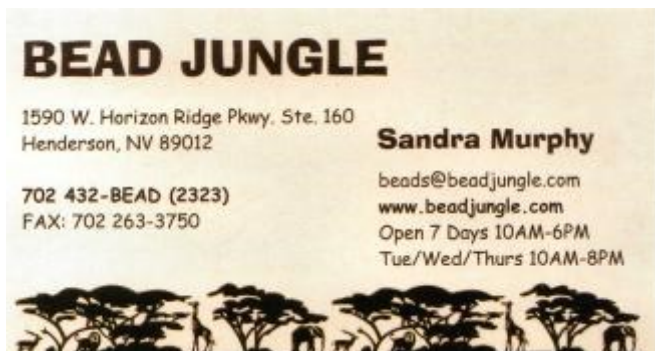
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**SNGMS 2013 Meetings**

Jan 03 Board	Jun 03 General
07 General	27 Board
31 Board	Jul 01 General
Feb 04 General	Aug 01 Board
28 Board	05 General
Mar 04 General	Sep 05 Board
28 Board	09 General
Apr 01 General	Oct 03 Board
May 02 Board	07 General
06 General	31 Board
30 Board	Nov 04 General

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson

**SNGMS General Meeting**

1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

***Non-members welcome!***

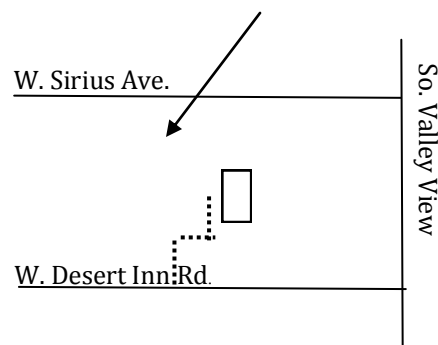
Moose Lodge 1600 Gragson Ave.

Food Available 5 PM (\$5.00)

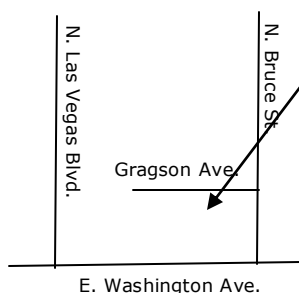
Show & Sell 5-6 PM

Meeting 6-8 PM

3111 So. Valley View Blvd,  
Building E Shop Suite 125

**Finding the Shop Location**

Proceeding west on Desert Inn Road, take the first right past So. Valley View Blvd. into the industrial park area. Drive past the building on your right, then jog right, then left and you will be in front of Building E.

**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Proceeding south on N. Bruce St., take the left onto Gragson Ave. and proceed to the Moose Lodge parking lot on your left at 1600 Gragson Ave.

There is a ramp available for handicapped access to the building. Once you enter the meeting room is to your right.

## Centerpiece Contest!

**Awards Banquet Centerpiece Contest—Requirements**

The requirements for the contest:

Must be a member to submit a centerpiece for the contest

Submissions can be from an individual or a group

The maximum dimensions are 24" diameter and 24" tall

Must include a rock, mineral or any type of crystals (including bead crystals)

Must be handmade

No visible identification marks to indicate its creator(s)

All entries must be registered and present 30 minutes prior to the start of the event

The centerpiece can either be donated to the Club as a prize, or the creator can chose to keep it

Every centerpiece will be issued a number at the time of registration for the purpose of voting. During the event, members will have the opportunity to vote on the best centerpiece via a secret ballot.

# Classes, Classes, Classes!

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The wire wrapping classes for September are the 16th and the 30th. They will be announced by email. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.



September 16, 2013 Wire Wrapping Project 5p,m

Beading class is 6 - 8 PM on the second Thursday of the month. The September class will be on the 12th and is the Netted Christmas Ornament. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 for more information.

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. with Bill Lemmon leading the class. There is a Thursday class in basic metal smithing available as well, led by Mary Brandt meeting 3-10 PM on some Thursdays. In September the dates are the 19th and the 26th. Both classes are suitable for beginners, with the Tuesday class also for intermediate to advanced students.

Polymer clay classes are the last Monday of the month at 2 - 5 PM. The September class is cancelled but will be back in October. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning and are for current students only at this time.

Scott Edwards is available on Saturdays to teach you how to maintain your shop equipment. Just come in and talk to him during shop hours.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting is \$5.00 an hour, the cost of faceting machine use, or a flat \$5.00 if you use your own machine. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class. All donations go to SNGMS, all instructors volunteer their time and expertise.

\*Desert Art Supplies will be carrying some silver and silver smithing tools at their Green Valley location.

## August Polymer Clay Project ... Feathers!



Cindy Allison's copper and silver ring with a crinoid cabochon in the

Thursday Metal Smithing Class



Photo courtesy of Mary Brandt

### Shop Fee Chart

#### Metered Equipment:

\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

#### Non-Metered Equipment:

Turquoise/Opal Saw—\$3.00 for first hour; prorated \$0.75 per additional 1/4 hour increment

Other - \$5.00 for first hour; prorated \$1.25 per additional 1/4 hour increment



# Shop Report

## SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	12 noon - 4 PM

Supervisors may close the shop if no one comes in after two hours. The next shift supervisor will then re-open the shop.

## Shop Talk

*from John Stackhouse and Scott Edwards*

[www.sngmsshop.wix.com/home](http://www.sngmsshop.wix.com/home)

New users just need to come in, we'll even give you a slab to make your first cabochon from. No additional equipment or experience is necessary, we have everything you need to get started doing lapidary work, and will teach you all the basics at any time that the shop is open.

Please bring your 2013 membership card with you when you come to use the shop's resources so we can verify your current membership. If you haven't paid your dues yet you can do so at the shop and the supervisor can issue your card.



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



**Please donate paper towels to the shop. The paper towels are used to clean. Your donations can be brought to the shop or to the August meeting. Thanks you!**



## Shop Tip—LAYOUT TOOLS

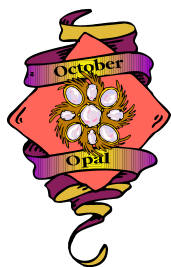
Dimensions on some features of a design can be fluid while others must be accurate for the design to work. When precision on a piece is important, good layout techniques are essential.

These are the tools that I rely upon to get holes in the right place, to achieve correct angles, and to cut pieces the correct length.

I like crisp sharp lines to follow, so I often coat surfaces with a dark marker and scribe my layout lines onto the metal. A square makes quick work of checking right angles or marking where to cut, and the thin centerpunch helps me mark a place to drill holes exactly where I want them.

Finally, a good set of dividers is probably my favorite layout tool. They let me quickly mark a strip for cutting, swing an arc, and divide a line or curve into as many equal segments as I need. I keep at least one set of dividers in every toolbox.

As seen in August— September 2013 Rock Rustler's News



# Happy October Birthday!

*If you have an October birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the October meeting.*

Angelo Cervantes, Susan Dobson, Kathy Duran, Kevin Ware, Cary Floyd, James Frith, Mary Galligan, Bonnie Lehnhausen, Gabriel Hardrick, Ann Harris, Chuck Higley, Cari Holmes, Brian Johnson, Beth Jones, Louis Kapsner, Harvey J. Kapsner, William Kogan, Adam Lane, Carol Liccardo, Lynn Manthey, Bruce Martin, Augustine Mazzotti, Lucy Nelson, Amanda Northrun, John Parochelli, Judy Flaster, Ed Rupprecht, James Sloan, Cindy Smith, Linda Stockman, Frank Timbers, Rosa Pascual, Jim Visnaw

## Welcome New Members



*A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during the month of August . We look forward to getting to know you better!*

Larry Miller, Ali Ess-Haghabi and Carolyn Ess-Haghabi

## Sunshine Report from Dottie Auerswald



*Please if you hear of any SNGMS member in need of a bit of sunshine due to accident, illness, death in the family or other need, call me—Dottie Fusch at 648-5886 (recorder on). Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.*

A sympathy card was sent to Margaret Mahler and her family for the loss of their mother. Mike Kirk's health has improved and he was at the meeting.

Please, **under no circumstances**, park in front of Unit 124 or Unit 126 (the units next to the Shop). The owners of the units come in at odd hours and need access to their parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.

## 2013 Board of Directors

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	Tom Skeary	

## Committee Chairmen

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50-50 Raffle.....	JoAnne Sprott	
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Rock Hounds		
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Contact any Board member to volunteer for a position, or a Committee Chairman to offer to help on their committee.

## Upcoming Shows

**September 13-15 - SAN DIEGO, CA :** Gem Faire Inc.; Scottish Rite Center; 1895 Camino del Rio S; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults and students (12 and up) \$7, children (11 and under) free; fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals, exhibitors, e-mail: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Web site: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)

**October 5 - 6 - Boron, CA,** Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron Community Building, South End of Boron Avenue, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sat, Sun 9 - 4



These are only a sampling of shows that are fairly close to the Las Vegas area. There are rock clubs throughout the United States and the computer is your friend in finding information

about clubs and shows. Just search for the area you are interested in and rock club and you should find plenty to keep you busy, wherever you are going.

Some links that you may find helpful are: Rocky Mountain Federation  
[http://www.rmfmts.org/rock\\_shows\\_by\\_date.htm](http://www.rmfmts.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm)  
 California Federation -  
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/cfmsshow.htm> and  
 the Rock & Gem website -  
<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

## Show and Sell Tables

You must be a member to rent a table.

You are renting from set up time to after the meeting.

You can only sell lapidary and related items.

You can bring your own table, but the fee remains the same.

A table may be shared and the table price remains the same.

There is no charge for an exhibit only table.

Fee may be paid with cash or check.

There are no requirements for reserving a table at this time.

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<b>Club Mascot:</b> Rock Wren  <b>Club Gemstone:</b> Turquoise  <b>Club Logo:</b> Rocks-R-Us  <b>Membership</b> is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing  <b>Annual Dues:</b> Individual - \$20; Family - \$30  <b>Meetings</b> are held the first Monday of the month at the Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson. No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner.  <b>Visitors</b> are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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